

Jefferson County Democrats Membership Meeting
Tri Area Community Center
April 1, 2019

Program

Chief Jim Walkowski, and Fire District Commissioner Dave Seabrook, of the East Jefferson County Fire District, gave an informative presentation about the services and challenges of the Fire District. The Chief reported there will be two more ballot measures this year – in August the ballot measure will decide to expand the three-member Fire District Commission to include two more Commissioners. If successful, in November voters will accept the boundaries of the newly created 5 fire districts. The Chief and Commissioner encouraged members to volunteer with the Fire District.

Business Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

The Chair called for corrections to the minutes, and a motion to approve the March 11, 2019 membership meeting draft minutes. Linda Brewster provided a correction to the minutes. Tony Petrillo moved to adopt the corrected minutes. M/S/P (moved, seconded, passed).

Report of the Chair

The Chair appointed a Sergeant of Arms. Brian Roe has accepted the appointment.

The Chair reported that the JCD Central Committee (CC) met last week. The CC made a minor change in bylaws on the reporting of Ad Hoc committees. The Chair reported that the CC formed an Ad Hoc By Laws Committee. John Collins has agreed to serve as Chair of the Ad Hoc By Laws Committee. John will form a committee, that will make recommendations to the CC. The next meeting of the CC is May 30th

Bethel Prescott reported that the CC asked the EBoard to look into remote access for CC meetings. The Chair advised the members that it will require a bylaws change to allow electronic meetings. The EBoard can meet by secure conference call for a limited meeting, on an emergent basis. John Collins reported that one proposed by law change would allow West End members to remotely connect to the CC meetings only.

Linda Brewster asked for clarification about why the remote access for West End members could not be made immediately. The Chair clarified that the members, nor the EBoard, can change bylaws. The bylaws set out a precise process for changing the bylaws; only the CC can change bylaws. The process to change bylaws includes steps such as submittal of proposed bylaws change in writing, calling a meeting of the CC with three weeks written notice, among other procedures. The member asked if the CC could caucus to make a bylaws change. The Chair clarified that the CC can caucus, but must follow the process for changing the bylaws. John Collins said that there are several bylaws changes that may be considered by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Good of the Order

Go fund Me Opportunity for Individual JCD Members

Marty Gilmore announced a Go Fund Me opportunity for members to support accessibility access for the JCD. Jefferson County Democrat members as individuals please consider supporting the initiative: "Mobility for David" on the Go Fund Me site. Funds are being raised for a mechanism that would allow electronic motorized support for David's wheel chair, that can be easily transported.

Rhody Parade Saturday May 18th

John Hamilton, Chair of Membership Committee, reported that the JCD participation in the Rhody Parade will go forward. The Membership Committee will have a truck and trailer for the float. John asked members to participate, either ride or walk, and to help decorate the truck and trailer for the theme "The Greatest Rhody". Please contact John to volunteer.

Rolling Garage Sale Fund Raiser

Bethel Prescott reminded the members that we are working to find a few more ways to raise funds. Her idea is a "Rolling Garage Sale" that the Affirmative Action Committee is organizing. Bethel asked members to bring items to donate to member meetings with a value under \$50. Bethel asked members to also come to meetings prepared to purchase items. Bring items to donate for sale and if not sold, take the items home.

Bills still active in the Legislature

Diane Jones, Chair, Political Action Committee reported that the Legislature is now considering the budget, but there are some bills and budget items that members should consider weighing in on.

Dems Dance Out and Concert

Tony Petrillo is organizing a fund raiser for the JCD. The date is 4/28, "Dems Dance Out and Concert," at the Quimper Grange, starting at 6 PM. Tony and friends, Tony's band, will provide the dance music. Sheri Van Hoover will give dance lessons from 6-7, and the music starts at 7. The event is a "dry" event.

Thanks to Congressman Kilmer

Linda Brewster expressed the JCD thanks to Congressman Kilmer for his co-sponsorship and support of HJR 48, "We the People".

Gail Chatfield thanked the JCD for changing the JCD membership meeting dates. Gail announced that the Port Townsend Community Orchestra will hold a concert at 2 PM, on April 28th at the Chimacum High School Auditorium.

24th Legislative District Meeting April 27th

Diane Jones, 24th Legislative District Representative, announced that the Legislative District will hold a member meeting on April 27th, from 1-4 PM. The meeting will be held at the Red Cedar Room at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Center, 1033 Old Blyn Highway, Sequim, WA, 98382.

JCD Member Meeting May 16th

Marty Gilmore reported that the next JCD Membership Meeting will be held on May 16th.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. George Yount moved to adjourn the meeting. M/S/P at 7:35.



Patricia A. Jones, Recording Secretary
(As approved by the Membership on 5/16/19)